

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, I do want to make one statement on LB 180. There is a term in the bill that I have been asked to clarify, at least the meaning of the committee when they adopted it, and that is that prisoners who will be doing these public projects are not to be used on the kinds of projects which are regularly subcontracted or contracted out. And I was asked whether that meant those kinds of jobs which are only contracted out on a seasonal or specifically regular basis, something that reoccurs every six months and you know it and it is part of the schedule, and I believe it is the intention of that language that it means the kinds of tasks which in the normal conduct of the city's business is contracted as opposed to simply those things that occur on a seasonal or specifically regular basis. The term "regular" there is to indicate the normal course of conduct of the local political subdivision, not that we are talking about a specifically cyclical time frame for tasks, and with that explanation of that phrase in the bill, I would move its advancement to E & R for engrossing.

PRESIDENT: Do you wish to be recognized, Senator Wesely? Let's have order in the Chamber, please. (Gavel)

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, Mr. President, that question has been asked of me and I couldn't answer it, and I appreciated Senator Landis' comments. I am still a little uncertain though exactly what we are getting at. You are saying that that present local government, Senator Landis, that has their own, let's say, city employees and, let's say, then they have certain janitorial work, for instance, that they contract out. Maybe they have like parks work that they contract out. Those sort of things would not be covered under the bill then under your definition, is that right?

SENATOR LANDIS: Right. In other words if over time they have established that practice of contracting for those services, that is a regularly contracted service and that is not the kind of work that these people would do. We are talking about the onetime situation, the painting of the cellblock, a special project that requires some extra manpower. The manpower is there, they are willing to do it, and for that reason they are utilized in that way.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay, thank you for that clarification.

PRESIDENT: The motion is to advance the bill from Select File to E & R for engrossment. All those in favor say aye, opposed no. Motion carried. The bill is advanced. LB 272.

CLERK: I have no amendments to 272.